

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Bernard Y. Malo §  
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Serial No.: 09/892,472 § Group Art Unit: 2874  
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Confirmation No.: 3302 § Examiner: Daniel J. Petkovsek  
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Filed: June 28, 2001 § Customer No.: 47389  
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For: LOCALIZED ANNEALING OF §  
UV INDUCED INDEX §  
GRATING-IN OPTICAL §  
WAVEGUIDES §

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2007**

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 16, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 16, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/000419/WCG for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.